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LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1966

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Walter Sutton to 31.7.66

Robert Seeds from 1.11.66



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To the CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Report on the health of the district for the year 1966.

The vital statistics compare very favourably with those for England and Wales and do not call for any special comments. The incidence of notifiable diseases remained at a low level.

The Northallerton and the Dales Water Board were responsible for water supplies during the year which were generally satisfactory except following heavy rainstorms.

Progress in re-housing and building continued on a satisfactory scale.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

H. Diggles,

Medical Officer of Health.

November, 1967.

SECTION (A)

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

General Statistics

(a)	Area (in acres)	71697
	Population (Registrar General's estimate of resident population - mid-year 1966 ..	6210
	Population - 1931 Census	6851
	Population - 1951 Census	6423
	Population - 1961 Census	6138
	Number of Inhabited houses 1951	1871
	Number of Inhabited houses 1966	2027
	Rateable value of district	£149,106
	Product of 1d. rate	606

(b)

Vital Statistics (as supplied by Registrar General)

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total:	Legit:	Illegit:	Total:	Legit:	Illegit:
Live births	54	50	4	38	35	3
Still births	1	1	-	-	-	-
<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>						
Under 1 year	-	-	-	1	1	-
Under 4 weeks	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 1 week	-	-	-	-	-	-

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes of Deaths	Males	Females	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchis	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1	1
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	8	12
Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	6	13
Coronary disease, angina	10	2	12
Diabetes	-	1	1
Other heart disease	1	5	6
Other circulatory disease	3	2	5
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	3	4	7
Bronchitis	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	2	3
All other accidents	-	2	2
Suicide	1	-	1
Motor Vehicle accidents	1	-	1
Total deaths - all causes	36	35	71

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 & 1951

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act, which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises, persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

SECTION (B)

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Details of the Staff are given at the beginning of the Report.

Laboratory Facilities

Laboratory facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Ambulance Facilities

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply Ambulance Services from their stations at Northallerton and Bainbridge.

Hospital Services

Local Hospital accommodation is provided by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board. In addition, a number of residents in the Leyburn Area receive both in-patient and out-patient treatment at Darlington and Harrogate Hospitals.

Nursing in the Homes

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council, with day to day administration being dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Committee. Four District Nurse/Midwives operate in the area.

Domestic Help Service

This is provided by the County Council. The day to day administration being dealt with by the Area Health Sub-Committee through the Medical Officer.

SECTION (C)

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases Notified	Males	Females	Total
Measles	57	62	119
Pneumonia	2	1	3
Whooping Cough	5	4	9
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	1	1

SECTION (D)

Water Supplies Details are to be found in the
Public Health Inspector's section.

Sewerage & Sewage Disposal .. Details are to be found in the
Public Health Inspector's section.

Refuse Disposal Details are to be found in the
Public Health Inspector's section.



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To the CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my first Annual Report in conjunction with that of the Medical Officer of Health.

My predecessor, Mr. W. Sutton, retired on 31st July, 1966. However, he was off work on sick leave from 1st March, 1966. From this date to 1st November matters of urgency were dealt with by other members of the staff.

Progress has continued towards the goal of main drainage in every village and this should be achieved in the near future.

More applicants improved their houses with the aid of grants during the year. Private house building proceeded normally.

I am indebted to Mr. A.W. Madin, the Housing Manager, who now deals with all housing matters, for the figure relating to housing, also for the help he has given in other matters.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Robert Seeds,

Public Health Inspector
and Surveyor.

November, 1967.

W A T E R S U P P L I E S

The water supply has been well maintained and generally satisfactory in quality and quantity. The Northallerton and the Dales Water Board has the responsibility of providing and maintaining the water supplies in the whole of the district.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Thirtyseven samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Northallerton, of these twentyfive were free from any contamination at all.

The Sowden Beck and Cranehow Bottom give supplies that are liable to act upon lead pipes and so we do not allow anyone to use lead pipes. Copper tubes are always recommended and occasionally plastic and galvanised tubes are laid.

The Water Board were notified of the unsatisfactory Bacteriological reports upon the samples submitted and they stepped up the output of Chlorine from the machines responsible immediately. Later samples taken were found to be satisfactory.

W A T E R

The number of dwellings with water laid on from public mains, etc., including parish undertakings, is as follows:-

Parish	Number of dwellings of parish	Number of houses with mains water inside	Houses using outside stand pipes	Houses with private water laid on (mainly farms)
Agglethorpe-with-Coverham	27	-	-	27
Akebar	8	8	-	-
Arrathorne	17	17	-	-
Barden	15	13	1	1
Bellerby	105	102	-	3
Caldbergh-with-East Scafton	17	12	-	5
Carlton Highdale	54	25	-	29
Carlton Town	61	57	-	4
Castle Bolton	33	-	-	33
Constable Burton	49	44	-	5
East Witton-Out	25	-	-	25
East Witton-In	72	63	2	7
Finghall	37	35	-	2
Garriston	6	1	-	5
Harmby	76	72	1	3
Hauxwell East	20	18	-	2
Hauxwell West	6	6	-	-
Hornby	33	26	-	7
Hunton	130	120	-	10
Hutton Hang	6	6	-	-
Leyburn	486	482	-	4
Melmerby	24	-	-	24
Middleham	257	254	-	3
Newton-le-Willows	105	105	-	-
Patrick Brompton	42	42	-	-
Preston-under-Scar	65	63	2	-
Redmire	79	79	-	-
Spennithorne	54	34	-	20
Thornton Steward	61	61	-	-
Wensley	62	17	-	45
West Scafton	23	-	-	23
West Witton	131	99	-	32
TOTALS	2186	1863	6	317

HOUSING STATISTICS - 1966

The number of dwellings erected during the year by private enterprise numbered 13. The total number of private dwellings erected since 1945 is now 156.

The Council erected 5 dwellings at Hunton during the year. The number of dwellings owned by the Council and built since 1945 is 261. Previous to 1945, the Council had erected 16 dwellings and two private houses were converted into one Council house at Harmby, so the total number of Council houses is 278

A contract for 18 units proceeded at Middleham and a scheme for a further 42 units at Woodside, Leyburn is anticipated.

Further private enterprise sites at Harmby (31 units) and Leyburn (21 units) are being considered.

There were 9 private dwellings under construction at the end of 1966:-

Leyburn	-	2
Harmby	-	2
Hunton	-	2
Middleham	-	2
West Witton	-	1

H O U S I N G

DETAILS OF HOUSES ERECTED BY THE LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Parish	4.B.R.	3.B.R.	2.B.R.	Bungalows	Total
Arrathorne	1	3	-	-	4
Bellerby	-	12	-	-	12
Constable Burton	-	10	-	-	10
East Witton	-	4	-	-	4
Finghall	-	12	-	-	12
Harmby	-	7	-	-	7
Hunton	-	10	-	9	19
Leyburn (Maythorne)	-	66	-	-	66
(Woodside)	-	6	3	8	17
(The Nurseries)	-	4	-	8	12
Middleham	-	36	16	8	60
Newton-le-Willows	-	2	4	4	10
Patrick Brompton	-	2	-	-	2
Preston-under-Scar	1	2	-	-	3
Redmire	-	6	-	-	6
Spennithorne	-	14	-	2	16
Thornton Steward	-	4	-	-	4
Wensley	-	4	-	-	4
West Witton	1	7	-	2	10
TOTALS	3	211	23	41	278

Dwellings Let or Re-let during year - 19

H O U S I N G

Number of housing inspections made during the year	..	37
Number of houses visited during the year	.. ..	21
Number of houses in which defects were made good:-		
(a) After Informal Notice	..	6
(b) After Formal Notice	.. ..	Nil
Number of houses which were found to be unfit, but capable of repair	.. .. .	6
Number of houses which were unfit for human habitation	.. .. .	Nil
Houses closed	.. .. .	Nil
Houses demolished	.. .. .	Nil

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT, 1959

(as amended)

35 applications by house owners to improve their dwellings with the aid of a grant were approved by the Council.

16 Standard Grants were paid upon completions of the approved works.

4 Discretionary Grants were also paid.

The average Standard Grant per dwelling worked out at £89 10s. 0d. The 4 Discretionary Grants paid averaged £197 10s. 0d. per dwelling. 11 properties were connected to the sewers and 9 to septic tank drainage.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

Number of licensed sites	.. .. .	5
Total caravans allowed on licensed sites	.. ..	140
Total number of these occupied during winter months	..	6
Number of inspections	.. .. .	7

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME

Details of village sewerage arrangements are set out hereunder:-

	Dwellings and other buildings served	Outlying properties not served
Arrathorne	14	3
Bellerby	98	6
Carlton Town	54	8
Carlton Highdale	22	21
Castle Bolton	24	9
Constable Burton	38	12
Finghall	30	7
Harmby	67	8
Hauxwell	20	6
Hornby	24	9
Hunton	116	20
Leyburn	462	17
Melmerby	20	2
Middleham	254	6
Newton-le-Willows	92	8
Patrick Brompton	39	4
Preston-under-Scar	59	7
Redmire	75	3
Spennithorne	52	2
Thornton Steward	46	13
Wensley	50	12
East Witton Town	58	16
West Witton	120	14
TOTALS	1834	213

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES

The stage has now been reached when all our villages are sewered and there only remains the scattered parishes that cannot be sewered economically. Septic tanks appear to be the only answer, most of our farms already have these.

Improvements to some of our present works are now necessary. East Witton, Leyburn and Middleham all require attention in the near future. Constable Burton has only septic tank treatment and proposals for a scheme in this parish are being considered.

Leyburn works were laid down in 1907 and were enlarged in 1926, since then they have merely been repaired from time to time. They function very well, it is seldom that the filtered effluent, when analysed, is classified unsatisfactory. The tanks and filters are hopelessly overworked during wet weather, they were originally designed to take six times the dry weather flow, but today the smallest rain shower brings the storm tanks into use.

At Middleham, the works are too small also, but here a scheme of improvements is being prepared. East Witton has a land irrigation scheme that can be easily converted to a tank filter and humus tank scheme.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION AND DRAINAGE

Number of houses with water carriage system	2041
Number of houses without water carriage system	112
Number of conversions to water carriage system during year	21
Number of houses not connected to water carriage	94

P L A N S

96 plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the table below:-

	New Buildings	Alterations to dwellings	Garages and sheds	Cow sheds and dairies	Other Building	Total
Arrathorne	-	1	-	-	-	1
Bellerby	1	-	-	-	-	1
Castle Bolton	-	-	1	-	-	1
Constable Burton	-	-	-	1	-	1
East Witton In	-	1	-	-	-	1
East Witton Out	-	1	-	1	-	2
Finghall	-	-	-	2	-	2
Harmby	2	-	-	-	2	4
Hunton	6	1	1	-	1	9
Leyburn	5	11	9	4	2	31
Melmerby	-	2	-	1	-	3
Middleham	1	4	1	3	2	11
Newton-le-Willows	-	-	2	1	-	3
Patrick Brompton	-	1	1	1	1	4
Preston-under- Scar	-	1	-	1	1	3
Redmire	-	2	-	1	1	4
Spennithorne	1	1	-	-	-	2
Thornton Steward	-	4	-	1	1	6
Wensley	-	-	1	-	1	2
West Scafton	-	2	-	-	-	2
West Witton	1	1	1	-	-	3
	17	33	17	17	12	96

MEAT INSPECTION

There are seven butcher's shops in the Rural District. Five of these butchers now buy their meat from the large abattoirs in adjoining districts, with the result that there has been a drop in the number of animals killed in our two privately owned slaughterhouses. The animals passing into these two slaughterhouses are all reared locally and the meat is of good quality. Meat is inspected on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in each week.

CARCASES AND OFFALS INSPECTED DURING 1966

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number of visits - 134				
Number killed	131	1	577	113
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<u>CONDEMNATIONS</u>				
Whole Carcases	-	-	-	-
Parts of Carcases or Organs	22 217 lbs	-	5 27 lbs	-

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

	Inspections	Informal Notices	Not complied with	Statutory Notices	Not complied with
Council's work	-	-	-	-	-
Housing	402	14	-	-	-
Slaughterhouses	134	-	-	-	-
Public Health Acts	21	21	2	-	-
Food Hygiene	67	3	-	-	-
Totals	624	38	2	-	-

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

The total number of food premises of all kinds in the district is 83 - made up as follows:-

Bakers	2	Cafes	9
Grocery	34	Fish	1
Sweets	7	Greengrocers	3
Hotels	26	Confectioners	2
Butchers	7	Fish Friers	1
Ice Cream Retailers	32		

(Please note:- some premises have more than one use)

No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 - 83
No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies - 83
No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19 - 83

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

37 premises used for the handling, preparing or selling of food were visited during the year. I found little to complain about so far as cleanliness of the premises was concerned. The workers also were generally satisfactory.

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

DISPOSAL OF UNSOUND FOOD

Unsound meat from the slaughterhouses is taken away by contractors each Wednesday. It is processed and converted into fertilisers and animal foods. During the year no articles of food from retail shops were condemned.

P U B L I C C L E A N S I N G

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The team of three men continued to carry out their tasks in all kinds of weather. The average number of premises at which they call daily to pick up bins is 287. A five day week is worked and the lorry is cleansed and greased on one afternoon each week.

Tips are levelled and left tidy after each loan is tipped. Three loads per working day are taken to our tips of which there are three, namely - Preston, Middleham and Lingy Hill.

The total cost of the service for 1966 was £3,837 0s. 0d.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

Seventeen householders requested the service of our tank emptying machine during the year. When not engaged on this work it is employed to clear sludge from various tanks and drying beds at several of the sewage works.

RODENT CONTROL

In addition to maintaining sewage works, emptying cesspools, clearing blocked sewers and drains, our sewage works attendants undertake rat poisoning in private premises, at sewage works and our refuse tips. Inspections and treatments are as follows:-

Number of domestic premises inspected	..	..	..	46
Number of treatments carried out to above	..	..		17
Number of treatments carried out on other premises				8

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

REGISTRATIONS & INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number on Register	Inspections
Offices	22	7
Retail Shops	30	8
Warehouses	2	-
Catering Establishments	10	5
Fuel Depots	-	-
<u>ANALYSIS OF EMPLOYEES</u>	64	20

Class of Premises	Number Employed		Total
	Males	Females	
Offices	26	38	71
Shops	20	69	87
Warehouses	4	-	4
Catering Establishments	-	36	31
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	50	143	193

(A)

FACTORIES ACTS 1937/1959

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	36	10	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACTS 1937/1959

(B) DEFECTS - NIL.

(C) OUTWORK - NIL.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS & POOLS

NIL.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

NIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCES

Total number of inspections (excluding housing inspections)	..	..	21
Number of nuisances found	..	..	21
Number abated during year by:-			
(a) Information action	..	..	19
(b) Statutory action	..	..	Nil

OFFENSIVE TRADES

NIL.

